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PASS TO MR. JOSEPH R. COUPAL, JR., DEPUTY FEDERAL HIGHWAY  
ADMINISTRATOR DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, FHWA, WASHINGTON,  
D.C.

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MR. JOSEPH R. COUPAL, JR., DEPUTY FEDERAL  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

REF: DOT/FHWA CABLE OF 201957Z AUG 75

1. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) PLANNING TRIP ON HIGH  
SPEED TRAIN (SHINKANSEN) MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6 AND TOUR  
OF TOKYO HIGHWAY NETWORK IN AFTERNOON. DUE TO LIMITED  
TIME AVAILABLE, MOT SUGGESTS TOKYO-ATAMI-TOKYO TRAIN  
TRIP INSTEAD OF TOKYO-NAGOYA-TOKYO. FORMER WILL SAVE  
APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. EMBASSY REQUIRED TO PURCHASE  
SHINKANSEN TICKET (4940 YEN, APPROXIMATELY \$16,70) IN  
ADVANCE (WITH REIMBURSEMENT AFTER COUPAL ARRIVAL IN  
TOKYO). EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE WEEK-END STAFF CAR FOR AFTERNOON  
HIGHWAY TOUR.

2. MOST REQUESTS MR. COUPAL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
INTERPRETER DURING TOUR. SIMUL (LOCAL INTERPRETING  
AGENCY FREQUENTLY USED BY EMBASSY VISITORS) INTERPRETER  
CAN BE ARRANGED BY EMBASSY. COST TO DOT FOR 8-HOUR  
DAY \$110. INTERPRETER WILL ALSO REQUIRE TRAIN TICKET.

3. MOT ALSO REQUESTS NAME OF HOTEL WHERE MR.COUPAL  
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WILL STAY. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER RODNEY HUFF WILL

MEET AIRPORT AND ESCORT TO HOTEL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ON (A) ACCEPTABILITY TOKYO-ATAMI-  
TOKYO TRAIN TRIP, (B) INTERPRETER ARRANGEMENTS, (C)  
NAME OF HOTEL, (D) EMBASSY ASSUMES MR. COUPAL TRAVELING  
ALONE IN TOKYO. PLEASE ADVISE IF OTHERS WILL ACCOMPANY.  
MOT REQUEST REPLY BY AUGUST 29.  
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